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TAGS: CPRS, PFOR, UK, TW (HEDLEY, PETER HUGO)

SUBJECT: BRITISH INTERESTS: NARCOTICS ARREST OF UK
CITIZEN PETER HUGO HEDLEY

REFERENCE: TAIPEI 0189

1. SUBJECT IS UK CITIZEN DETAINED DECEMBER 17, 1974 BY
CHINESE POLICE. SUBJECT SUBSEQUENTLY CHARGED WITH USE OF
NARCOTICS AND SMUGGLING NARCOTICS.

2. FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS SENT TO AMEMBASSY LONDON ON
JANUARY 13, TAIPEI 0189:

"1. "HEDLEY VISITED BY EMBOFF DECEMBER 20, 1974, JANUARY 8,
1975, AND JANUARY 11. EMBOFF ALSO CALLED ON PROSECUTOR
ICO DETERMINE WHAT CHARGES WILL BE BROUGHT AGAINST HEDLEY."

"2. "HEDLEY'S HEALTH APPEARS GOOD. WHILE IN DETENTION, HEDLEY
VOLUNTARILY RECEIVED ACUPUNCTURE TREATMENT FOR NARCOTICS
ADDITION. HE RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN LOCAL
PRESS DECLARING THAT ACUPUNCTURE TREATMENT HAD COMPLETELY
CURED HIS CRAVING FOR NARCOTICS AND REITERATED THIS
BELIEF TO EMBOFF DURING VISITS."

"3. HEDLEY EXPRESSED WISH TO HIRE CHINESE ATTORNEY
JANUARY 8. HE RETAINED ATTY TSAI CHING-CHIEH, INTER-
NATIONAL LAW OFFICE, 3RD FL., CHUNG CHIEN BLDG., NO 79,
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SEC. 2, CHUNG SHAN N. RD., TAIPEI, JAN 11. FEE FOR SERVICES WILL BE APPROX US \$815.00."

"4. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED 50 POUNDS STERLING FOR HEDLEY'S USE. HEDLEY REQUESTS THAT AN ADDITIONAL \$US 900 BE FORWARDED TO HIM FOR ATTY AND MISC FOOD EXPENSES. EMBASSY CONCURS IN THIS REQUEST."

"5. HEDLEY HAS BEEN INDICTED FOR TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTICS, MAX DEATH SENTENCE, USE OF NARCOTICS 3 TO 7 YEARS, AND SMUGGLING MAX 7 YEARS. ATTY TSAI ASSURES EMBASSY THAT TRAFFICKING CHARGE IS TECHNICALITY NECESSITATED BY SMUGGLING CHARGE AND DOES NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE HEDLEY WILL BE TRIED OR SENTENCED BY COURT ON THIS CHARGE. HEDLEY CLAIMS THAT HEROIN WAS FOR HIS USE ONLY AND HE DID NOT RPT NOT DISPOSE OF ANY WHILE IN TAIWAN."

"6. HEDLEY'S FIRST COURT APPEARANCE WILL BE JAN 13 AND EMBASSY EXPECTS FINAL SENTENCE IN APPROXIMATELY EIGHT WEEKS."

"7. HEDLEY REQUESTS ADDRESS OF PARENTS SO HE MAY WRITE THEM."

3. NO REPLY TO ABOVE MESSAGE HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO DATE. SUBJECT ADVISED EMBASSY THAT PARENTS CURRENTLY IN CAPETOWN. PLEASE TRANSMIT SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE MESSAGE TO PARENTS AT FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

MR. AND MRS. OLIVER HEDLEY
106B DEVONSHIRE HILL FLATS
RONDEBOSCH
CAPETOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.
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